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CONFESSION BY HAYWARD

HE ALSO SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO KILL BLIXT,

On the Day Before His Execution He Made a Gigantic Effort to Cover Up His Shattered Nerves but He is Fast Going to Pieces-Refuses to Embrace the Cemfort

Minneapolls, Dec. 10 .- Harry Hayward, who is to be hanged to-morrow, has confessed his guilt in connection world." with the murder of Catherine Ging. In the still watches of the night Hay ward told to County Physician Burton, who constantly attends him, the story of the crime, admitting that he alone was the instigator of the murderous plot, and that Claus Blixt was but his

"I fell down at the last moment, though," said Hayward, after a full confession had been made. "I intended to kill Blixt, but could not. If I had I would have been safe. The morning after the murder I went to him and told him to go to Frank, the elevator boy and borrow a revolver of him. Blixt looked at me for a moment and then replied:

'No. Harry, no. "He was too cunning for me, and I ment and would have shot him through the right temple, where a man commit-Then I would have dropped the revolis felt." ver by his side and backed from the room. I figured that Mrs. Blixt or some one might come in and if I was backing out I could, upon the appearance of any one, have simply rushed for ward toward the body as if I had heard the shot, too, and was just running in.

"I failed, though, and now they have me," with a glance to the court where the gallows stands. Hayward made a gigantic effort to

cover up his shaftered nerves to-day. thousand Abyssinians have invaded the When he arose this morning, although he had not slept a wink, he stretched homself and said to the death watch: I would like to be hun;

every day. I feel like a fighting cock! He ate sparingly, but joked with his watch the while, stating that he had grat, where he has only 6,000 men. Upalways fed well and he could not leave this world hungry. Nevertheless he is breaking up fast.

Father Timothy visited the condemn man in his cell this morning, but Harry refused to embrace the comfort | Work in making ready in sending offered by the church.

MR. BARTLETT'S RESOLUTION. Full Text of the Bill of Ambassador Bay ard's Impeachment

Washington, Dec. 10 .- Mr. Barrett rep., of Massachusetts, offered as a matter of privilege the following preamble: "I do impeach Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador to Great

Britain, of high crimes and misdemean ors on the following ground: Whereas, The report of a speech de livered before the Edinburgh Philos

ical Institute by Hon. Thomas F. Bay ard, ambassador of the United States of America, at the court of Great Brit ain, is published in the London News under date of November 8, 1895.

(Here follows an extract from Mr Bayard's speech delivered condemning the policy of protection.)

And, whereas, such reflections on the government, policy and people of the United States in a foreign country and before a foreign audience is manifestly in serious disregard of the proprieties and obligations which should be observ ed by an official representative of th United States abroad and calculated to injure our national reputation, be it

Resolved By the house of representatives that the committee on foreign affairs be directed to ascertain whether such statements have been publicly made, and, if so, to report to the house such action, by impeachment or other wise, as shall be proper in the premises. For the purpose of this inquiry the committee is authorized to send for persons and papers."

Meriden, Dec. 10.-The fourteenth regular meeting of the Connecticut Universalist club was held at the Winthrop ance seventy-five persons, Stamford, Bridgeport, and Hartford sending the largest delegations. The meeting took the form of a ladies' night. The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 by J. N. Emery of Bridgeport, the president. One of the propositions considered was that to hold annual instead of semi-annual meetings, and this was tabled. It was voted to admit ladies

The guests of the club were Rev George L. Perin, D. D., of Boston, and J. L. Sweet of Attleboro, Mass. Thes: two gentlemen led a discussion on the topic "The Institutional or Every Day Other speakers were Rev. Dr. J. S. Dodge of Stamford and the Hon. Charles H. Cooley of Hartford.

The officers of the club at present are President, J. N. Emery of Bridgeport: vice president, Charles H. Cooley of Hartford; treasurer, W. S. Perkins of Meriden; secretary, E. M. Grant of

O. U. A. M. State Council,

Hartford, Dec. 10 .- The state council of the Junior Order of United American elected officers as follows: State counnual meeting here this afternoon and cillor, R. D. Fitch of New Britain; vice councilior, W. G. Kimberly of Bridgeport; secretary, F. H. Baldwin of Stamford; warden, E. N. Bell of New Britain; outside sentinel, T. F. Gilmore of New Pockham expects to continue his divies Haven; representative to national coun- on the court of appeals until its usual ell for five years, W. O. Stanley of New holiday recess. He will go to Washing-Haven. The next annual meeting will ton in time to all with the supreme be held in September, 1896, in New Brit- | court at the opening of the January

STILL IN THE RACE. senator Gorman Delares Re is a Candidate for Re-election.

Washington, Dec. 10.-The attention of Senator Gorman was called to a paragraph in a Baltimore paper today, which stated that he did not propose to be a candidate for re-election o the United States senate "Le that so," he said. "That is the

first I have heard of it." "Then there is no truth in the statement?

"No," said Mr. Gorman, "none in the

Committed Sulcide.

Stamford, Dec. 10.-Members of the family of George Selleck, aged fifty-five, heard a heavy fall in his bedroom this vening, and he was found dying, having plunged a knife into his throat and slowly bled to death. He was suffering from a disease of the bladder and had long been an invalid.

DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED.

For Hon. Johneeds' Safety. Norwalk, Dec. 10 .- To-day's Washingtonnews in the Gazette says concerning Hon, John H. Leeds of this city:

"Colonel W. W. Skiddy mas been at to induce the secretary to send orders to our Minister Terrell at Constanti- held. failed, but if he had borrowed that re- nople, for him to secure protection to volver I would have gone into the base. Hon. John H. Leeds of New Haven, who is now in Asia Minor, in the interest of the Cove Milst of Stamford, ting suicide would naturally shoot, and for whose safety justifiable anxiety

PILLAGING STILL CONTINUES.

There is a Great Deal of suffering Am ng the Armenians.

London, Dec. 10.-A Central News dispatch from Rome says that General Baratieri, governor of Erytheria, and commander of the Italian troops, telegraphed this evening that fully seventy Tigre country and are besieging Makalle and Antolo. Forty thousand of the nemy are in the vicinity of Adowa. Consequently he has ordered the Ital ian force at Adowa to fall back to Adion the receipt of the foregoing dispatch the government ordered that the preparation for sending reinforcements to General Baratieri be pushed forward troops to Africa will be carried on night and day. It has been decided that 3,000 troops and two batteries shall depart immediately. Every available transort at the dock yards has been ordered o be put in readiness to convey troops, Some warships will accompany the reinforcements to Massowah, the capital of the Italian colony.

The government decided this afteroon to postnone until Saturday the request that the chamber vote a credit of ,000,000 lire to be expended in carry-

ing war operations in Abyssinia. Constantinople Dec 10.—The sul has issued an irade permitting the extra guardships demanded by the powrs to come to Constaninople. stated that the losses sustained by the missionaries at Marash by the destruction of their property during the rioting there amount to 2,400,000 pounds Turkish.

The rumor is revived that the Armenians here are preparing to make a fresh demonstration in view of what they term the apathy of the powers in bringing about a cessation of the

It is rumored that several superior military officers, including Ismel Pasha one of the sultan's household, and Hassan Diemi Pasha, an aide-de-camp of his majesty, have fled from the city it having reached their ears that they were suspected of connection with the Young Turkey, which is agitating in favor of a constitutional government Before leaving the British embassy Said Pasha requested the sultan to grant him permission to leave the country

Reports continue to arrive showing hat the pillaging and burning of Armenian vilages in Anatolia, especially in the vilayet of Van, is going on as though the sultan had issued no orders to the authorities to stop it

The peasants are suffering terribly and their misery is increased by the bitted cold now prevailing in that part of the country. Large numbers of them are wandering, without food and with scanty clothing, on the mountains seeking to escape from the Kurds. who hunt them as though they were wildbeasts.

Impartial accounts that have reached here contradict the stories that the Armenians provoked the disorders and result of skilfully arranged plans to obliterate the Armenians. The massacres have chiefly occurred in the wilayets for whom the reform scheme was recently rung from the suitan.

Major Williams and Major Bulman, the newly appointed British vice consuls at Van and Sivas, will start for their posts to-morrow,

A new batch of revolutionary pla-

eards was posted to-day. most numerous in the Kassim Pasha

Will Not Consolidate.

New York, Dec. 10.-In reference to rumors of consolidation of various New solidated Gas says: "I can say as di-

Albany, Dec. 10.-Judge Rufus W

WILL WATER THE STREETS

IMPORTANT ACTION TAKEN BY AL. DERMEN LAST NIGHT.

New Ordinances Adonted-Lio Hospital for Contagious Diseases-Charges Preferred Against a Plumber-Health Officer Wright's Report-Selectmen's Short

Eighteen of the twenty-four members of the board of aldermen were present at a special meeting of that body last evening, called for the purpose of disposing of the unfinished business of the year. It was generally supposed that the meeting last evening had been called for the special purposes of considering the estimated expenses and income of the city for the fiscal year, beginning December 1, 1895, but immediately after the meeting had been called Mayor Hendrick announced that there was a vast deal of business to be completed before the end of the year and in view of this fact it was unanimously voted, on motion of Alderman Macdonald, to postpone all conthe state department to-day, seeking sideration of the estimates until later, when another special meeting will be

A communication from the board of public works recommending that the court of common council recall an order for the placing of a suitable trap in the cellar of a resident of Oak street, David Ashmun, at the expense of the city, to prevent the setting back of the water from the George street sewer, was read and on motion of Alderman Macdonald the board refused to recall the order. The board of public works claimed that such an order would be stablishing a dangerous precedent, but Alderman Macdonald claimed in reply that the property had been damaged by the city in consequence of an overflowing sewer and that under the circumstances, precedent or no precedent, the city should pay its honest debts and protect its citizens from further dam-

age from the same cause. The aiderman also considered at length the report of the committee on ordinances, recommending the passage of an ordinance providing for the watering and sprinkling of the streets of the city and finally after a number of amendments had been made, the ordlwith the greatest possible dispatch, nance as amended was adopted. Among the more important amendments was one changing the time of watering from between March 15 and December 15 to March 1 and December L

Alderman Macdenald also moved that the work of sprinkling the streets be done under the supervision of board of public works instead of the joint standing committee on water of the court of common council, as recommended by the ordinance as proposed. He argued that the work properly belonged to the board of public works and could be done more satisfactorily by that body. The board of public works, he claimed, was author- tion takes place next Tuesday. of the streets and that therefore that board was the proper one to have charge of the watering and sprinkling streets He also argued that the board of public works was a continuing board. while the committee on water of the court of common council changed its membership every year. To give the work to the latter would, he said, clearly be an unbusinesslike proceeding most unwise and uasafe to put such a work into the hands of inexperienced

vein, while Alderman Sanborn favored the passage of the ordinance as rec ommended by the committee. After a leagthy debate Alderman Macdonald's motion prevailed, Alderman Sanborn alone voting in the negative.

It was also voted to give the board contracts for sprinkling the streets with any party for a period not longer than three years. The sections of the proposed ordinance relating to the appointment of an inspector of street sprinkling and providing for his duties and compensation, were stricken out, after which the ordinance as amended was adopted

The following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

No private hospital for the care or treatment of contagious or infectious in the city of New Haven, and any person or persons, or corporation, who shall violate this ordinance shall for, publican or democratic, but the nomifeit and pay a penalty of not less than nees for the school board had varied twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every week during which such hospital shall be so erected or maintained.

Just before adjournment a report which purported to be the report of the hardening of Carmel street was taken unusually warm campaign. paper had been read Alderman Hamil- jority of 1,503 for no license. intent of the report otherwise material- great jubilee.

As no one appeared to know by whose been made, or who had made them, on motion of Alderman Macdonald, who license. said that it was a serious matter and ought to be investigated, a committee year, cast a majority of \$74 for no composed of the mayor and Alderman license to-day. A summary of the re-Macdonald and Alderman Hamilton sults follows: was appointed to investigate the matter

the board After the report of the committee on been read and tabled until the next to hold a special meeting next Monday

SELECTMEN'S SHORT SESSION. The first regular meeting of the new oard of selectmen was held last even ing with all the members present and Selectman Beecher presiding. G. F. Heublein & Brother sent in a petition asking that the saloons of the town b allowed to keep open until midnight, as at present, and the desired permis-

slon was unanimously granted.

Jonathan W. Pond, David J. Shields Louis Asher, Patrick Bree and Frede ick Siebert, five of the town constables recently elected, each presented a \$5,000 bond and they were referred to the committee on finance. A petition from Eliza Shipman ask-

ing that a crosswalk at Rose and Center streets in the annex be removed, as it was dangerous to pedestrians, was referred to the road and bridge commit-All the unfinished business remain

corresponding committees of this year's board, after which the meeting ad-

BOARD OF HEALTH.

against Jacob Marcus, a licensed plumvestigate the charges.

road company in which he set forth one of two important committees to that in his opinion the premises of the which he would be entitled and contents road near Hallock avenue were not be- himself with a small committee. ing used for any purpose not authorized by law, but in deference to the wishproper officers to see that no nuisance originated on the premises. This action was taken in consequence of a complaint made several months ago to the effect that the smoke from the roundouse in that vicinity was a nulsance. Health Officer Wright's report for November showed that 26 cases of scarlet fever had been reported and at the present time there were 15 cases in the Tenth ward. Twenty-seven cases of diphtheria were reported, of which six had been fatal. Twelve of the 27 cases were in the vicinity of the Shelton avenue school. Nineteen cases of typhoid fever were also reported. During the month there had been 124 deaths, 29 of which were of children under five years of age. The health officer also notified the board that at the present time there were in the vicinity of the Dwight school 18 cases of contagious diseases. So far during the month of December there have been reported 11 cases of diphtheria, 13 of scarlet fever and two of typhoid fever.

ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS. The Influence of the American Protective Association Felt.

Boston, Dec. 10 .- With the eleven municipal elections which occurred in various parts of the state to-day all the cities have now chosen their governing bodies for the ensuing year, except the new city of North Adams, whose elec-

In nearly all instances a heavy vote was cast. In Boston a hot contest has Quincy, the democratic nominee for publican incumbent, and the result is erges of illegal voting were reported here to-day, and three arrests at least official ballot, although he had not been lot commissioners consider it important to ascertain where the ballot was ebtained, and will thoroughly investigate

This was the first election under secured largely through the exertion of Mayor Curtis and the mayor elected today and those chosen hereafter will at once gave the alarm. hold the office two years instead of one, There were three tickets for aldermenists-and in several cases the fight beendorsements, the republican candi dates being generally favored by the committee of 100 and independent wo-

In Cambridge Mayor Bancroft received a warm indorsement and was committee on streets relating to the re-elected by a large plurality after an which has been without a liquor saloon member of the committee and was full for nine years, celebrated its tenth anof erasures and corrections. When the | nual victory to-day by throwing a matee, disclaimed any knowledge of its ty, and nearly twice the largest macontents and intimated that while it Jority it has ever thrown. The friends was in part the report of the commit- of no license to-night celebrate the vicice, erasures had been made and the tory by the ringing of bell's and a

the result of the license vote, the city's authority the changes and erasures had majority of 117 for license last year being changed to one of 1,035 for no

Lynn, which had 1,500 for license last

Medford did not elect a mayor, but the

License: Yes 723, no 1.257.

CONCEDED TO SILVER MEN BOTH COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE

HELD AN EXTENDED SESSION.

Complexion of the Finance Committee of the Senate Has Been Settled-Senator Platt Goes on the Enlarged Committee-Senator Hawley Will be Chairman on the

Committee on Milliary Affairs. Washington, Dec. 10.-Both of the po itical committees appointed to fill the ommittees of the senate held a session this afternoon but reached no conclusions, although tentative propositions have been submitted. Mr. Gorman this afternoon appointed the three remaining members of his committee by desng from last year was referred to the ignating Messrs. Murphy of New York, White of California and Walthall of finance committee has been settled, as the republicans concede it to the sil-At the meeting of the board of health ver men. According to agreement the last evening Attorney Isadore Stein membership is to be enlarged from 11 to the republicans and Mr. Daniel of Virber, and a special committee composed ginia for the democrats. This will of Commissioner Dibble and Plumbing maintain the present division and Inspector Eldridge was appointed to in- make no difference in the monetary views of the members. By going on A communication was read from Vice this committee Mr. Platt relinquishes President Hall of the Consolidated Rail- his right to the chairmanship of either

Mr. Cameron of Pennsylvania and Mr. Ledge of Massachusetts will go es of the board he had instructed the the committee on foreign relations, and owing to the importance of the position for which he has been selected Mr. Lodge will get a smaller chairmanship than under other conditions. He will be given the committee on immigration. Mr. Dubols is slated for the public lands committee; Mr. Pettigrew for Indian affairs, Mr. Shoup for patents, and Mr. Hansborough for committee on li-

Mr. Chandler will take the census committee and Mr. Hale will be given the chairmanship of the very desirable committee on printing. The old time hairmen will not be disturbed, and among them are the following: Allison, appropriations;

rules: Sherman, foreign relations; Morrill, finance; Hoar, judiciary. Mr. Davis will get the committee on erritories; Mr. Teller, claims; Mr. Mitchell, privileges and elections; Mr.

Gallinger will get the committee on Messrs. Hawley, chairman of military affairs; Cameron, of naval affairs; Squire, of coast defences; Frye, of comnerce; McMillan, of the District of Columbia; Cullom, of interstate commercial and Quay, of public buildings and grounds, will doubtless be given their old places. The remainder of the important committees will probably be

Agriculture, Proctor; fisheries, Perkins; post offices and post roads, Wol-

Mr. Jones of Nevada, it is believed, committee to audit and control the contingent expenses. It is believed the matter of committees will be settled be-

Fugitive Arrested.

fore the holiday ricess.

Providence, R. L. Dec. 10.-John N. that Boston again falls back into the Gardner, a fugitive from justice since noon by Detectives Parker and Cannon. Gardner was agent for the Home Rubber company of New York, and during the months of July and August stole sums amounting to \$780. A warrant was sworn out by Inspector Watts only attempted to vote upon another's of Boston, but Gardner succeeded in eluding the Boston police. He was arraigned in the district court and gave surety for his appearance December 20.

Attempt at Burglary.

At about 1 o'clock this morning an ittempt at burglary was made at the house of Dr .J. Waldo Jewett, 215 Crown Buston's new city charter, which was street. The burglar was discovered by

The burglar on finding his presence was discovered beat a precipitate rerepublican, democratic and municipal treat, leaving behind him in his flight reform, the latter being a fusion of pro- his coat, overcoat, hat and shoes. The prize of \$250, for the best English eshibtionists, labor, populists and social- alarm was immediately sent to the police, who at once instituted a vigorous diseases shall be erected or maintained tween the rival candidates was sharp search for the housebreaker, who was and bitter. The nominees for the com- believed to be somewhere in the vicinmon council were as a rule straight re- ity, and it is hoped he will be apprehended. Nothing so far as can be ascertained was taken from the house.

JOHN MORTON'S WINDFALL. Clan McLeod's Popular Chief Falls Heir to \$10,000 Left by His Grandfather in Scotland.

John C. Morton of 76 Carlisle street received word yesterday of a legacy father, recently deceased, in Scotland. The sum amounts to \$10,000, and his ton, the chairman of the street commit- more than twice its last year's majori- brother, who is a miner in Shamokin, Pa., has also been left a like sum. Mr. Religious History of Europe?" Morton is well known in the city. He is the popular chief of Clan McLeod club were elected Monday night and No. 31, Order of Scottish Clans. He a constitution was adopted, asserting also holds the position of president of the object of the club to be to spread the local lodge of the United Order of a true knowledge of the principles of American Carpenters and Joiners. He civil service reform throughout the uniis also a prominent member of the Cen-

His many friends will be ready to congratulate him on his good luck.

Washington, Dec. 10.-In the senate and report to a subsequent meeting of independent ticket for aldermen and to-day a favorable report was made anmon councilmen was successful, by the committee on pencions on the bill requiring the payment of pension ordinances regulating backs, etc., had In Salem the business men's ticket money to the wives in cases where male headed by Mayor James H. Turner, pensioners desert or abandon their fammeeting, and the aldermen had voted was elected and the city reversed its liles, or are habitual drunkards or for heense vote of last year to one for no any reason fail or neglect to support night to consider estimates, the board liceuse. The figures are: Yes 2,339; no their families. The bill is similar to one reported during the last congress.

-THE REDEMPTION."

The Tenth Anniversary of the Gouned Society Brilliantly Celebrated Last Evening-Splendid Work of the Chorus Under

Signor Agramonte. The Gounod society celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of An Intervening Petition Filed-In the the society by a fine rendition of "The Redemption" last evening. This society has grown during these ten years from a small choral club to a splendid oratorio society, which can hold its own with almost any of the great societies in this country. They have become not only one of the best musical forces of our city, but their concerts are recognized and patronized as brilliant social functions.

Since they chose to honor Gounod by naming their organization after him, it was appropriate that they select his best known sacred work for this decen-Mississippi. The complexion of the nial celebration. This same work was given by them about five years ago, Last night's performance was infinitely better, however, in respect to chorus preferred charges of incompetency 13, and Mr. Platt of Connecticut, for work and orchestra than the former, which shows how much the society has improved since then. For quality of tone, shading, expression and accuracy in attack and rythm, the chorus and Signor Agramonte deserve the greatest praise. Since the chorus work is the most important feature, the performance may therefore be considered a success. The orchestra also was excellent, considering under what disadvantage they labor owing to insufficient opportunities for rehearsal. The orchestral core is difficult and at the same time ineffective even when done with a tremendous orchestra. The orchestra played emoothly and in time, and are deserving of commendation.

The soloists were, on the whole, not up to the Gounod society's previous standards. Mr. Rieger and Miss Stein were the most pleasing. Miss Stein had little work to do, but she did that little very well. Mr. Rieger, who sang all the solo tenor parts, performed a hard and ungrateful role in his usual conscientions and artistic manner. Mr. Rieger has sung here often and has never yet failed to please. Dr. Carl Dufft of New York was a new-comer and was unfortunately suffering from severe throat trouble and was in no condition to sing. Consequently it would be unfair to criticise his work yesterday, as he was so obviously heard at a disadvantage. His voice is of good quality and he seems to be an intelligent oratorio artist. hope to hear him again when the auspices are more favorable. Mrs. Corinne Moore-Lawson the soprano, failed to create a very favorable impression of her abilities at either performance. Her singing was marred by uncertain intonation and by excessive portamento. Mrs. Patrick Walker and our own Mrs. Thompson have sung the role here and so much better that Mrs. Lawson suffered by comparison.

There were all sorts of slips and misunderstandings during the performances, but as they were all the fault of the soloists themselves they do not reflect in any way on the society. The orchestra was the Festival orchestra of Boston, of which Emil Mollenhauer is Signor Fabiani the concert master. Signor Fabiani was the hampist. Willis H. Alling of this city was the organist. As there is no pipe organ in the Hyperion, and as t is impossible to get a satisfactory effeet from any kind of reed-organ, it would seem more advisable to use the

orchestra throughout. Above all and over all the chorus conquered, and to them and Signor Agramonte is due great credit and cordial praise; and also to Mr. Charles S. De-Forest and the other gentlemen to whom the successful existence of the society is due.

We neglected in speaking of the soloists to mention the pleasing singing of the second soprano, Miss Lily Welch. She is a promising young singer, with a voice of beautiful quality, and sang her parts with taste and excellent ef-

At the afternoon performance Governor and Mrs. Coffin occupied one of the lower right hand boxes.

VALE NOTES OF INTEREST.

Competition-Civil Service Reform Club Officers Elected. The subjects of the John A. Porter

say open to competition by any mem ber of the university who is pursuing for a degree a regular course either graduate or undergraduate are: "The Modern Stage," "George Eliot's Con-ception of Sin," "The Monroe Doctrine," "The Romantic Revival in Modern Lit-erature," "Political Relations Which Existed eBtween Elizabeth, Henry IV. and PhilipII.," "The Religious Issue in Common Schools," "The Debt of History to Philology," "The Religious Element in the Arthurian Romances," "Fi nance as an Issue in American Politics,' "The Issuing of Writs of Injunction by Federal Courts in Railway Disorders,' "The Exercise and Regulation of the Elective Franchise in the Southern States," "What Benefits Flowed from Scholasticism in the Intellectual and

Officers of the civil service reform versity. The officers chosen are: President, Anson Phelps Stokes of New York: vice president, Elisha E. Garrison of Colorado Springs, Col.; secretary, G. T. Nicholas of New York; treasurer, Newman A. Smyth of New Haven. A delegate will be sent to the American conference of civil service reform clubs at Washington Friday.

formances ever given in this city.

GREATEST AUCTION KNOWN

ONLY ONE BID WAS MADE FOR THE ATCHISON RAILEOAD.

Language of an Official of the Santa Fe System it is the Same Old Fight in a New

Form-Sold for Sixty Million Dollars. Topeka, Kans., Dec. 10.-Probably, 1,000 people were assembled in front of the Topeka station of the Atchison road at 2 o'clock this afternoon when J. B. Johnson, special master in chancery, appeared to sell at auction the company's vast system of railroads pursuant to the decree of the United States circuit court of August 27 last. The notice of sale began with a statement of the incidents leading up to it

and the various decrees of the court and the amount now due, \$140,727,549.07. Mr. Johnson then read in detail the properties listed for sale. He then still reading the notice of sale, announced than no bid would be entertained without a previous deposit as an evidence of the good faith of the bidder of \$100,-000 in money or certified check or a quarter of a million dollars of the general mortgage bonds, that no bid for less than \$10,000,000 would be accepted and after the sale the successful bidder would be required to deposit subject to the order of the special master half a million in money or a certified check as part payment on the purchase and as a pledge that the buyer would make good his bid. Then followed the other conditions and the confirmation of the sale. At 2:30 the reading of the notice was concluded and attorneys of the minority bondholders of the St. Louis and San/Francisco system read a protest against the sale. This done Judge Johnson said that, in pursuance of the notice of sale just read he offered the property to the highest bid-

"What am I offered?" the auctioneer

asked. "I offer sixty million dollars," said Edward King in a low voice. "Do I hear any more bids?" cried

Judge Johnson. "Once, twice, the last call. The prop-

erty is sold to Edward King, Charles C. Beaman and Victor Morawetz." This ended the greatest auction ever known and the crowd dispersed to the federal building, where Judge Caldwell held a session of court to confirm the An intervening petition was filed to-day on behalf of the minority interests of the St. Louis and San Francisco system in the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe receivership case, praying for an accounting between the Santa Fe and the 'Frisco companies. In the language of a Santa Fe official it is "the

same old fight in a new form."

WILL BE NO CONTROVERSY. The Fair Haven and Westville Road Not Obtaining the Changes in the Agreement

Desired Will Accept the Conditions Imposed. It was learned yesterday afternoor at the office of the Fair Haven and Westville Railroad company that the matter of clearing snow from their tracks would be agreed upon with the city fathers. Having received word from the board of public works that the beard would not make any changes in their former action, the company will accept the conditions and sign the agreement. They dissented from the proposition when first presented, believing that what they considered a mora equitable division of the work might and would be agreed upon. But as the board refuses to make the changes asked for, the company desiring no controversy will sign the agreement as

originally drawn.

The sixth annual grand reception of the Hillside club will be held on New Year's eve at the old Union armory. Smith's orchestra will furnish music and Professor Colbert will prompt. Al

most enjoyable affair is expected.

TWO SLIGHT FIRES. Both Alarms Sent in from Box 62-The

Damage Trifling. By a singular coincidence two alarms of fire were sent in yesterday from box 62, located at the corner of Park was sent in at 4:45 o'clock for a slight blaze in the house, 539 Howard avenue, occupied by Mrs. Lewis. The blaze was caused by hot coals, which were raked out of a furnace and set fire to an old mattress which was in the cellar. This

fire was extinguished without damage. At 6:15 o'clock another alarm was sent in from the same box. The fire this time was in the house at the corner of Pank and South streets, occupied by A. Finklestein. The blaze was caused by a lamp which a woman was carrying. The woman tripped, the lamp fell out of her hand and broke and set fire to the carpet and furniture. The fire was promptly extinguished, but not until damage to the amount of about \$15 had been done.

To-morrow evening at the Hyeprion John L. Stoddard will continue his series of lectures, which recalls his latest experiences in a journey to Constantinople. The curiosity that one naturally feels about the Turk, his history, his country, his home and his daily life, is especially enhanced at this time by the critical state of affairs in the sultan's dominions. Those who habitually hear Mr. Stoddard do not need to be told that an evening with him in a foreign land makes the hearer well satisfied that he knows scarcely The Elks' benefit takes place to-night less about it than if he had seen it with in the Hyperion. There has been a his own eyes, A lecture so attractive very large sale of tickets, and it prom- in its subject and so opportune in its ises to be one of the best amateur per- presentation should attract universal attention.